



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

November 7, 2011

Mr. Don Striker, Superintendent
New River Gorge National River
104 Main Street
P.O. Box 246
Glen Jean, WV 25846

Re: Abbreviated Final General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for New River Gorge National River West Virginia, 2011 CEQ # 20110338

Dear Mr. Striker:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Abbreviated Final New River Gorge Draft General Management Plan (GMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and responses to EPA's comment letter on the Draft EIS dated April 1, 2010. EPA rated the environmental impacts of the Draft EIS as EC (Environmental Concerns) and the adequacy of the impact statement as 2 (Insufficient Information). Based on our review of the Final EIS, EPA has no objections to this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Okorn at (215)814-3330.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Barbara Rudnick", is positioned above the printed name.

Barbara Rudnick
NEPA Team Leader

